

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REFINERY IN RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has finalized an investment plan for setting up a refinery at the site of recent oil found in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details along with refining capacity thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed refinery is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Based on oil discoveries made by Cairn Energy consortium in Barmer district of Rajasthan, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited(ONGC)/Mangalore Refinery Petrochemicals Limited(MRPL) have shown interest in setting up a refinery with capacity of 7.5 Million Metric Tonne per Annum. Two other Oil Public Sector Undertaking, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited(IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited(HPCL) have also shown interest in setting up a well-head refinery in Rajasthan. These companies have approached the Government to designate them as the Government nominee for a purchase of crude oil under the Production Sharing Contract(PSC) for block RJ-ON-90/1.

(c) Any investment plan for such a refinery can only be firmed up after the Government have designated its nominee for purchase of crude oil under the PSC.